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25X1ACOUNTRY Soviet Zone of GermanyREPORT NO.           TOPIC Registration of Mobile Loading Ramps

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- a. Data be submitted on the number and present locations of available mobile loading ramps;
- b. Damaged mobile loading ramps be repaired;
- c. Serviceable mobile loading ramps be placed in storage sheds at the Crahwinkel and Ohrdruf railroad stations;
- d. Mobile loading ramps be kept available for service tests at the Erfurt freight yard.

Reports must be submitted            by 9 May 1950. \*

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\*            Comment. Mobile loading ramps are used for the entraining and detraining of troops, including horses and vehicles, to supplement the capacity of inadequate stationary loading ramps at railroad stations. On open lines an adequate number must be carried on troop trains. These mobile loading ramps proved very useful during the war and they were available in sufficient numbers at all major railroad stations at the end of the war. The order shows the Soviet interest in this tested auxiliary loading device. Whether this order is restricted            and is only to familiarize the Soviet troops training in this area with the use of the mobile loading ramps, or whether all other regional railroad districts have also been given the same order, is unknown.

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